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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

 Signal processing apparatus (100), comprising: tuning means (10) for tuning an RF signal to generate an IF signal; first filtering means (20) for filtering said IF signal to generate a filtered IF signal;

AGC detecting means (30) for enabling generation of an AGC signal for said tuning means (10) responsive to said filtered IF signal; and

wherein said AGC detecting means (30) includes second filtering means (35) for attenuating a predetermined carrier frequency.

- 2. The signal processing apparatus (100) of claim 1, wherein said IF signal is between 41 and 47 MHz.
- 15 3. The signal processing apparatus (100) of claim 1, wherein said first filtering means (20) includes a SAW filter.
 - 4. The signal processing apparatus (100) of claim 1, wherein said predetermined carrier frequency corresponds to an analog sound carrier frequency.
 - 5. The signal processing apparatus (100) of claim 1, wherein said predetermined carrier frequency corresponds to approximately 47.25 MHz.
- 25 6. The signal processing apparatus (100) of claim 1, wherein said second filtering means (35) includes a ceramic resonator tuned to shunt said predetermined carrier frequency.
 - 7. A method (400) for providing AGC, comprising steps of: using a tuner to tune an RF signal to generate an IF signal (410); filtering said IF signal to generate a filtered IF signal (420);

generating an AGC signal responsive to said filtered IF signal, wherein said generating step includes attenuating a predetermined carrier frequency (430); and

providing said AGC signal to said tuner (440).

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- 8. The method (400) of claim 7, wherein said IF signal is between 41 and 47 MHz.
- 9. The method (400) of claim 7, wherein said filtering step includes using a SAW filter.
 - 10. The method (400) of claim 7, wherein said predetermined carrier frequency corresponds to an analog sound carrier frequency.
 - 11. The method (400) of claim 7, wherein said predetermined carrier frequency corresponds to approximately 47.25 MHz.
 - 12. The method (400) of claim 7, wherein said generating step (430) further includes using a ceramic resonator to shunt said predetermined carrier frequency.
 - 13. A television signal receiver (100), comprising:

a tuner (10) operative to tune an RF signal to generate an IF signal;

a first filter (20) operative to filter said IF signal to generate a filtered IF signal;

an AGC detector (30) operative to enable generation of an AGC signal for said tuner (10) responsive to said filtered IF signal; and

wherein said AGC detector (30) includes a second filter (35) operative to attenuate a predetermined carrier frequency.

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14. The television signal receiver (100) of claim 13, wherein said IF signal is between 41 and 47 MHz.

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- 15. The television signal receiver (100) of claim 13, wherein said first filter (20) includes a SAW filter.
- 16. The television signal receiver (100) of claim 13, wherein said predetermined carrier frequency corresponds to an analog sound carrier frequency.
- 17. The television signal receiver (100) of claim 13, wherein said predetermined carrier frequency corresponds to approximately 47.25 MHz.
 - 18. The television signal receiver (100) of claim 13, wherein said second filter (35) includes a ceramic resonator tuned to shunt said predetermined carrier frequency.

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